

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A method for decoding a signal, comprising:
2 determining prior probabilities associated with an encoded input signal;
3 performing iterative decoding on said encoded input signal, using said prior
4 probabilities, to estimate a codeword associated with said encoded input signal, said
5 codeword being within a base cell of an underlying lattice; and
6 determining a cell translation associated with said encoded input signal based
7 on said codeword.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
2 mapping said codeword to an appropriate cell of said underlying lattice using
3 said cell translation.
- 1 3. The method of claim 1, wherein:
2 said encoded input signal is coded with a multilevel coset code.
- 1 4. The method of claim 1, wherein:
2 said encoded input signal is coded with a lattice code.
- 1 5. The method of claim 1, wherein:
2 said encoded input signal is coded with a code having at least one constituent
3 code; and
4 determining prior probabilities includes determining a probability that a first
5 coordinate of a first constituent code has a predetermined value, based on said encoded
6 input signal.
- 1 6. The method of claim 1, wherein:
2 said encoded input signal has been modified by an interferer; and
3 determining prior probabilities includes determining probabilities based upon
4 statistics associated with said interferer.

- 1 7. The method of claim 6, wherein:
2 said statistics associated with said interferer are known.
- 1 8. The method of claim 6, wherein:
2 determining prior probabilities includes assuming statistics for said interferer
3 for use in determining said probabilities.
- 1 9. The method of claim 8, wherein:
2 assuming statistics includes assuming that said interferer is uniformly
3 distributed within a Voronoi cell of a lattice.
- 1 10. The method of claim 9, wherein:
2 assuming statistics includes assuming that said Voronoi cell is a ball.
- 1 11. The method of claim 1, wherein performing iterative decoding includes:
2 performing a first decoding iteration, using said prior probabilities, to generate
3 first information; and
4 performing a second decoding iteration, using said first information, to generate
5 second information.
- 1 12. The method of claim 1, wherein:
2 performing iterative decoding includes exchanging information between a
3 plurality of constituent decoders.
- 1 13. The method of claim 12, wherein:
2 exchanging information between a plurality of constituent decoders includes
3 exchanging extrinsic information.
- 1 14. A decoding system comprising:

2 a prior probability generator to generate prior probabilities associated with an
3 encoded input signal;
4 an iterative decoding unit to determine a codeword associated with said encoded
5 input signal by iterative decoding using said prior probabilities, said codeword being
6 within a base cell of an underlying lattice; and
7 a translation determination unit to determine a cell translation associated with
8 said encoded input signal based on said codeword.

1 15. The decoding system of claim 14, further comprising:
2 a cell mapping unit to map said codeword to an appropriate cell of said
3 underlying lattice using said cell translation.

1 16. The decoding system of claim 14, wherein:
2 said encoded input signal is coded with a multilevel coset code.

1 17. The decoding system of claim 14, wherein:
2 said encoded input signal is coded with a lattice code.

1 18. The decoding system of claim 14, wherein:
2 said iterative decoding unit includes multiple constituent decoders to decode
3 constituent codes of said encoded input signal.

1 19. The decoding system of claim 18, wherein:
2 said constituent decoders exchange soft information between one another during
3 said iterative decoding.

1 20. The decoding system of claim 18, wherein:
2 said iterative decoding unit includes at least one constituent decoder that is an
3 iterative decoder.

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1 21. The decoding system of claim 18, wherein:
2 said iterative decoding unit includes at least one constituent decoder that is a
3 soft in, soft out (SISO) decoder.

1 22. The decoding system of claim 14, wherein:
2 said prior probability generator generates said prior probabilities based on
3 known statistics associated with an interferer.

1 23. The decoding system of claim 14, wherein:
2 said prior probability generator assumes statistics for an interferer and generates
3 said prior probabilities based on said assumed statistics.

1 24. The decoding system of claim 23, wherein:
2 said prior probability generator assumes that said interferer is uniformly
3 distributed within a Voronoi cell of a lattice.

1 25. The decoding system of claim 24, wherein:
2 said prior probability generator assumes that said Voronoi cell is a ball.

1 26. The decoding system of claim 23, wherein:
2 said prior probability generator assumes that said interferer has a Gaussian
3 distribution with zero mean and unknown variance.

1 27. An article comprising machine-accessible media having associated data,
2 wherein the data, when accessed, results in a machine that performs a method for
3 decoding a signal, said method comprising:
4 determining prior probabilities associated with an encoded input signal;
5 performing iterative decoding on said encoded input signal, using said prior
6 probabilities, to estimate a codeword associated with said encoded input signal, said
7 codeword being within a base cell of an underlying lattice; and

8 determining a cell translation associated with said encoded input signal based
9 on said codeword.

1 28. The article of claim 27, wherein said method further comprises:
2 mapping said codeword to an appropriate cell of said underlying lattice using
3 said cell translation.

1 29. The article of claim 27, wherein:
2 said encoded input signal is coded with a multilevel coset code.

1 30. The article of claim 27, wherein:
2 said encoded input signal is coded with a lattice code.

1 31. The article of claim 27, wherein:
2 performing iterative decoding includes exchanging information between a
3 plurality of constituent decoders.

1 32. The article of claim 31, wherein:
2 exchanging information includes exchanging extrinsic information between a
3 plurality of constituent decoders.